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COUNTRY Germany REPORT

TOPIC Military Information from the Altengrabow Troop Training Grounds

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REMARKS

25X1 1. between 2 and 13 October 1953, 60 shipments

25X1 loaded at the Altengrabow railroad station.

25X1 at least 15 x 152-mm howitzers and about 15 prime movers were entrained at

25X1 the Altengrabow railroad station. A second shipment was sidetracked at the

25X1 station. the troops on this train had come from

25X1 Potsdam. between 2 and 13 October, unusually many individual vehicles

25X1 were observed en route in the training area. At 1:30 p.m.

25X1 on 3 October, a column of 1 sedan, about 40 trucks and about 20 trucks

25X1 towing 75-mm field guns were seen near the railroad crossing southwest of

25X1 Ziesar, coming from the direction of Altengrabow and proceeding toward

25X1 Ziesar. Some of the trucks carried military equipment, boxes and baggage

25X1 and about 4 to 12 soldiers wearing red-bordered black anoraks.

25X1 at about 2 p.m. on the same day, 4 trucks towing field

25X1 kitchens were seen en route in the same direction.

25X1 the Altengrabow troop training grounds was occupied by about 500 troops

25X1 after 13 October. Individual sentries were no longer observed in the training

25X1 area. The area was guarded by patrols. 1

25X1 2. the training area was under

25X1 the authority of the Rathenow post. Soviet soldiers,

25X1 who worked with the bakery at the training area and had stayed there throughout

25X1 summer and winter belonged to the komendatura of the Rathenow

25X1 post. the cooperative shop in Rathenow furnished ration

25X1 supplies for the administration of the training grounds via a depot located

25X1 beside the administration building at Altengrabow.

25X1 3. On 15 October, truck was seen in Ziesar. 25X1

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5. On 1 and 2 November, about 30 to 40 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were firing with carbines at the firing range in Altengrabow. On 3 November, about 30 troops engaged in field wire laying near the camp. Between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. on the same day, an undetermined number of troops, in the training area, practiced firing with a gun which, at about 7:30 p.m., was towed to the camp by several prime movers. During the firing practice, the area had been restricted. [Redacted] one Senior Lieutenant Yermilov (fnu) of Unit Polegon belonged to the administration and cadre personnel of the training grounds. [Redacted]

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1. [Redacted] Comment. During the period mentioned, railroad records indicated 34 shipments to the posts and the known exercises of the Eighth Gds Army of artillery units of the IV Arty Corps, the Eighth Gds Army and the Third Shock Army. After the departure of the troops, the quarters were probably only lightly occupied, as the units permanently stationed there most probably also engaged in exercises.

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2. [Redacted] Comment. Probably a column of the 20th Army AT Arty Brig (US), which, with light elements, transferred to Branderburg by road between 29 September and 4 October. [Redacted]



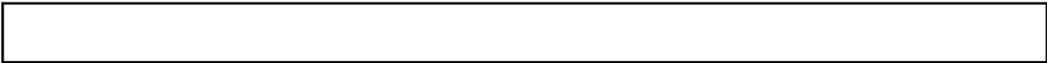
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4. [Redacted] Comment. [Redacted] the training grounds is permanently occupied by units of the 10th How Arty Brig (US) and the 44th Army Arty Brig. [Redacted]

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